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SUBJECT:LETTER FROM DEPUTY SEC DEF DUNCAN TO MOD MOLLER

REF:(A) SECDEF 022010Z MAR 77; (B) COPENHAGEN 2328 DTG 141530Z JUL 76
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1. ON MARCH 3 I DELIVERED THE TEXT OF DOD DEP SEC DUNCAN'S
LETTER OF FEB 28 TO DANISH MINISTER OF DEFENSE ORLA MOLLER.
(SECRETARY DUNCAN'S LETTER WAS IN RESPONSE TO MOLLER'S
LETTER OF FEB 14.)

2. AS MIN MOLLER AND I READ OVER TOGETHER LINE BY LINE
SECRETARY DUNCAN'S LETTER, I OBSERVED MOLLER'S SATISFACTION
BOTH WITH THE CONTENTS AND TONE OF THE MESSAGE.

3. IN DISCUSSING THE F-16 PROBLEM, I POINTED TO THE
FORTHCOMING TENOR OF SECRETARY DUNCAN'S MESSAGE AND
STRESSED THAT IT APPEARED THAT THE BASIC RESPONSIBILITY
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PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES DOES NOT LIE DIRECTLY WITH
THE USG. ABOVE ALL, I URGED DANISH INDUSTRY TO BE
COMPETITIVE IN THEIR SUBMISSIONS, WHICH IS THE BEST
WAY TO ASSURE THAT ADDITIONAL CONTRACTS CAN BE LET IN
DENMARK IN SUCH FIELDS AS AVIONICS, SIMULATORS AND
THE EJECTION SEAT.

4. I RECALLED THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLES WHICH HAVE APPEARED HERE RECENTLY (REF B) WHICH VENTILATED DANISH CONCERNS OVER F-16 PRICE INCREASE AND THE DANISH OFFSET SHARE. SUGGESTIONS WERE MADE IN THE PRESS THAT A US BUY OF DANISH FAST PATROL BOATS MIGHT MIGHT OCCUR AS PART OF THE F-16 OFFSET. I OBSERVED THAT SUCH ARTICLES DID LITTLE TO RESOLVE ANY DIFFICULTIES WITH THE F-16 PROGRAM, DIFFICULTIES WHICH I WAS SURE COULD BE WORKED OUT AS DEMONSTRATED BY US SENSITIVITIES TO THE UNDERSTANDABLE DESIRE BY THE DANES TO INCREASE THEIR COPRODUCTION SHARE.

5. MOLLER REPLIED THAT OF COURSE THE DANISH GOVERNMENT HAS NO CONTROL OVER THE PRESS BUT THAT SOME LEAKS FROM OFFICIAL SOURCES HAD UNDOUBTEDLY OCCURRED. HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THIS PUBLIC AIRING WOULD BE LESS STRIDENT.

6. MOLLER ADDED TQT HE PLANNED TO RAISE THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL SUB-CONTRACTS WITH THE PRESIDENT OF GENERAL DYNAMICS, MR. LEWIS, WHO WILL BE PASSING THROUGH COPENHAGEN ON MARCH 10.

7. MOLLER CONCLUDED BY NOTING THAT HE HAD HEARD THAT SOME EPG COUNTRIES HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT SIGNING THE LETTER OF OFFER BY APRIL 1. HE DID NOT RULE OUT, HOWEVER, THAT DENMARK WILL IN FACT SIGN BY THAT DATE AND STRESSED THAT IN ATTEMPTING TO BETTER TERMS FOR DENMARK HE TRUSTED THAT THE REMARKS HE HAD CONFIDENTIAL

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ADDRESSED TO SECRETARY BROWN WERE REASONED AND IN A SUITABLE LOW-KEY.
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